THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NAM AZAD): (a) to (d) At the meeting taken by the Union Minister of Parlia mentary Affairs and *Food&* Civil Supplies one 1. 2-1986 at Patna, it ' was, *inter alia,* decided that in order to make the functioning of the-Public Distribution System in Bihar more effective, more godowns for storing foodgrains would be constructed-in Bihar, adequate stocks oiafoodgrains would be maintained supplies of food-grains to Bihar woud be stepped up. and additional financial assistance would be given to the Government of Bihar for the purchase of mobile vans. Steps have already been taken to im plement the above decisions. The Cehrtal Government' is -already sup plying to Bihar seven essential com modities on a regular. basis. At times, State Governments including Bihar are not lifting the supplies of these essential commodities due to various reasons. However, the Central Government has been from time to time impressing upon the State Governments, including' the Government of Bihar to strengthen and streamline the, Public Distribu tion* System in the State considering that the overall effectiveness of the Public Distribution depends to a. great extent on the extent of linkages at the . State/District/Block/Village levels for storing, transportation and distribution of essential commodities.

Foodgrains Stock .

764. SHRI FRAMOD MAHAJAN: WilKthe' Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES. be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total buffer stock of foodgrains in the country; ';

(b) what is the total cost of this StOCk -_

(c) what is the cost of storage of this stock per annum;,

(d) whether Governii^ent propose to dispose of this stock by giving food-grains to the people living below poverty line at concessional rates; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL, SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD); *(a* and (bl Total stocks of wheat and rice available with the Food Corporation of India and the States on Central Account as on Feb-rurary 28,. 1987 and their cost are as under:

(Qty. in lakh tonnes Value in Rs, crores)

' /Wheat		Rice	
Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
111. 01	2246-62	88. 05	2285. 43

(c) The average quantity of buffet stocks to be maintained during 1987-88 is expecte^ to be 55. 78 lakh tonnes and its carrying cost is estimated •£*o* be Rs. 415. 78 crores including transit and sfbrage losses.

(d) and (e) The stocks are being utilised for public distribution system, rural employment programmes, sup plies of foodgrains at specially subsi dised Prices to the people in Integrat ed Tribatypevelopment Project areas "and the tribal majority States/Union Territories, Nutrition Programme foi young children, pregnant women and nursing mothers.

बिहार में पशुओं की नस्ल में सुधार

765. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव . क्या कृषि मंत्री 27 फरवरी, 1987 को राज्य सभा में अताराकित प्रश्न 398 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि,:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि .बिहार में न तो सरकार द्वारा कोई पशु परि-योजना अनुसंधान केन्द्र चलाया जा रहा

है और न वहां के किसानों के पास अच्छी किस्म की नस्ल के पशु हैं, यदि हां, तो सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) क्या राष्ट्रीय डेरी अनुसंधान संस्थान की किसी शाखा द्वारा बिहार में उन्नत किस्म वाली नई प्रजातियां विकसित किए जाने की संभावना है, यदि हां, तो कब तक तथा यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाणा) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमन् । भा०कृ०अ०प० से सहायता प्राप्त अनुसंधान प्रायोजना का कोई केन्द्र बिहार में कार्य नहीं कर रहा है। फिर भी, मवेशी विकास के कार्य पर राज्य सरकार पूरा ध्यान दे रही है जिसने अनेक मवेशी विकास योजनाएं आरम्भ की हैं । इसमें 9 गहन मवेशी विकास योजनाएं (आई सी डी पी) और 82 मूल ग्रामीण प्रखंड है । इसके अति रिक्त बिहार में आपरेशन फ्लड भी कार्य कर रहा है । जिसके अन्तर्गत 380 डेरी सहकारी समितियां हैं जिनमें 10,000 कृषक परिवार कार्य कर रहे है ।

(ख) जी हां, श्रीमन् । राष्ट्रीय डेरी अनुसंधान संस्थान, करनाल के पूर्वी क्षेत्रीय केन्द्र को जो कल्यानी (पश्चिम बंगाल) में स्थित है, पूर्वी क्षेत्र में स्थित अन्य राज्यों के डेरी अनुसंधान की जरूरतों को पूरा करने के साथ ही बिहार राज्य के डेरी अनुसंधान की जरूरतों को भी पूरा करना होता है । यहकेन्द्र पूर्वी क्षेत्र में पाई जाने वाली स्थितियों के अन्तर्गत होल्स्टीन, ब्राउनस्वीश और जर्सी नस्ल के संकरों के मूल्यांकन का कार्य कर रहा है । अधिक दूध देने वाले मवेशियों को तैयार करने में अभी इस केन्द्र को पूरा समय लगेगा ।

766. [*Transferred to the 29th April, 1987.*]

Gas Leakage in Ronrkela Steel Plant

767. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK;

SHRIMATT RENUKA CHOWD-HURY; Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any inquiry has been, con ducted into the leakage of Gas which 18 workers were, injured in the Rourkela Steel Plant during December, 1985;

. '(b) if so. what are the details thereof; and

(Q) what action has been taken bay ernment against the persons found. responsible?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE); (a) Yes, Sir. ,

(b) The Enquiry Committee has observ ed that, statutory repairs were started on the High Pressure Boiler No. 4 in Captive Power Plant-. I from December 3, 1985. The overhaul of blast furnace gas burner valve$_s$ installed on this boiler hearth was started on December 7, 1985 by seven contract workmen. While the valve bonnet of Burner Valve No. 3 was being taken-out; some amount of Wast furnacp gas entrapped in the pipe bend between the control valve and the burner escaped, af-
: fecting the seven workmen. 11 employees of Steel Plant who were working nearby . ran to the rescue of the seven affected persons. These seven persons were rescu ed and sent to hospital immediately. Five affected persons were discharged on De cember 7, 1985 itself and the remaining two were discharged on December 8, 1985. As a precaution, the 11 -RSP employees who had rescued the seven contract work men were also admitted for observation 'tt the hospital. Out of these 11 employees, three were discharged on December 7, 1985 and the remaining eight on Decem ber 8, 1985. All the 18 affected, persons resumed duty after the prescribed rest period. "

(c)' The Departmental Enquiry Committee did not find any grounds to fix responsibility on any person(s). The Com^ mittee held that the 'incident of gas leakage was neither due to improper maintenance of equipment n°r due to any im-. proper work methodology. Tl^e. leakage of a small quantity of gas wag' purely accidental. The Safety equipment was also in proper working condition.